

Transportation Priorities

SUPPORT: Increased funding for transportation is critical to maintaining our transportation system, completing important legacy transportation corridors like the Gateway Program and replacing the I-5 Interstate Bridge.



Port Districts:

Washington's 75 port districts are economic engines for their communities. Ports rely on an efficient, safe and well-maintained transportation system in order to achieve our mission.

Green Farms to Green Ports Initiative

Green Farms to Green Ports is a strategy designed to increase the competitiveness of Washington's ports:

- Make strategic investments in supply chain infrastructure
- Advance state policies that anchor beneficial cargo owners in Washington State
- Increase Washington State's footprint in global markets

Exporting Washington's goods to the global marketplace

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CHALLENGES



Washington state is falling short on funding for critical transportation infrastructure needs. As electric vehicle sales grow revenue from the state gas tax is decreasing. Meanwhile, the cost to maintain roads and build ferries continues to rise.

SOLUTIONS



In order to increase sustainability for transportation, revenue sources like a Road Usage Charge or dedicating the sales tax from vehicle sales for transportation purposes should be considered.

STRATEGIES IMPORTANT TO PORTS



Supply Chain Competitiveness Infrastructure Program

Washington's trade-driven economy relies on a port network that operates efficiently. Barrier and bottlenecks to goods movement increases costs and reduce our state's overall competitiveness. Ports seek additional infrastructure spending focused on port and port-adjacent projects that reduce barriers and support critical supply chains including agriculture, aerospace, clean energy and more



Freight Rail Modernization Tax Credit

HB 1058/SB 5063 create tax incentives designed to encourage more investment into the state's shortline railroads. The tax incentive requires an investment trigger and seeks to overcome more than \$600 million in underinvestment in the state's rail network.

